## WELCOME TO THE RECEPTION CENTER

The staff here understands how stressful it is to be evacuated from your home. To help make this process flow as smoothly and quickly as possible, please follow these directions.

If you have access/functional needs, let a staff member know so that they may assist you.

You will receive a cardstock tag called a **METTAG**. It has a unique identifier number that will be used to track you through the reception center. The colored bars on the bottom of the tag should only be removed by a reception center staff member. If you have not received or have misplaced your METTAG, please ask any of our staff for help.

Prior to arriving at this facility, you may have come in contact with radioactive particles that could be on your clothing, body, or vehicle. You will first go through a screening process to check for any contamination that may have landed on you.

The following are the steps you may go through at the Reception Center:

- 1. **Portal Monitor**: The Portal Monitors are very sensitive and will detect radiation particles on your clothing or body. If the Portal Monitor sounds an alarm, you will be directed to **Secondary Monitoring**. If it does not sound an alarm, you will be directed to **Registration**.
- 2. Secondary Monitoring: Trained staff members will use a radiation detection meter to perform a survey of your body to determine if and where there may be contamination. The staff members will explain the screening process and tell you the results as it progresses. If contamination is found to be above a certain threshold, you will be referred to either Male or Female Decontamination. If the screening result is below that threshold you will be sent to Registration.
- 3. Male or Female Decontamination: Trained staff members will again use a radiation detection meter to scan your body to confirm the exact location of contamination. Staff will then provide instructions on decontamination measures. These measures range from simply removing clothing to taking a full shower. Once completed, you will be scanned again to ensure the contamination has been removed. Do not worry if you are asked to shower again. Once you are no longer contaminated above the threshold, you will be directed to the exit area. At the exit area, your whole body will be surveyed again to verify the contamination has been sufficiently removed. You will then be sent to Registration.
- **4. Registration**: Everyone coming to the Reception Center will be registered to help reunite families and provide appropriate sheltering. Staff members can help you find other family members, services, food, or lodging if you need it.

**Pets**: Please make arrangements for your pets. Only **service animals** will be allowed into the Reception Center. "Service animal" means any dog individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for purposes of this definition. (RSA 167-D:1 IV).

If you have any questions or concerns during this process, please ask a staff member for assistance.

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